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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - COPENHAGEN-BERLIN SERVICE

REF: COPENHAGEN 1742

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PANAM REP, HIS HEADQUARTERS INFORMED HIM LAST WEEK OF WINTER SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, WHICH INCLUDES DAILY ONWARD FLIGHT TO BERLIN FROM COPENHAGEN ON FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN SEATTLE/PORTLAND, AND RETURN, ON ROUTING DESCRIBED REFTEL. CHANGE OF GAUGE WOULD BE AT LONDON. PRESENT PANAM SCHEDULING WOULD IDENTIFY SEATTLE/PORTLAND-COPENHAGEN SEGMENTS AS FLIGHTS 124/125 AND COPENHAGEN/BERLIN SEGMENTS AS FLIGHTS 622/623.

2. LOCAL PANAM REP AND EMBASSY AGREED THAT CHANGE
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OF FLIGHT NUMBERS AT COPENHAGEN MIGHT CAUSE SOME

PROBLEMS WITH DANES AND PANAM REP REQUESTED CHANGE TO KEEP SAME FLIGHT NUMBERS THROUGH TO BERLIN. PANAM NEW YORK REPLIED THAT THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE THEY "DO NOT HAVE NECESSARY UK AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS PROPOSED."

3. WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY, OF SUCH FLIGHT NUMBER CHANGES AT COPENHAGEN WITH REFERENCE TO U.S.-DANISH BILATERAL BUT, IN VIEW OF PAST DIFFICULTIES, WOULD PREFER TO KEEP NEW FLIGHT DESIGNATIONS AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO HAVE NO BACKGROUND ON CURRENT UK POSITION REGARDING PANAM BERLIN FLIGHTS.

4. ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION IS MANNER AND TIMING OF FILING OF PANAM WINTER SCHEDULE BERLIN FLIGHTS WITH DANISH AUTHORITIES. THREE ALTERNATIVES APPEAR AVAILABLE: (A) LOCAL PANAM OFFICE FILES WINTER SCHEDULE WITH DANISH AIRPORT AUTHORITIES IN ROUTINE FASHION WITH NO ACTION TAKEN BY U.S. GOVERNMENT; (B) PANAM DELAY FILING UNTIL USG HAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED DANISH GOVERNMENT OF NEW BERLIN FLIGHT PLANS, OR (C) EMBASSY DISCUSSES PROPOSED FILING INFORMALLY WITH FONOFF TO ASSURE THERE WOULD BE NO OBSTACLES TO ROUTINE FILING BY PANAM. WE BELIEVE LAST ALTERNATIVE TO BE THE BEST. IN ANY EVENT, GIVEN PAST GOVERNMENT-LEVEL COMMUNICATIONS AS IMPROPER AND OFFENSIVE BY DANES IF PANAM SHOULD PROCEED WITH ROUTINE FILING WITHOUT SOME ADVANCE DISCUSSION WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT. AS STATED REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE PRESENT ROUTING WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO DANES.

5. ACTION REQUEST.

A. DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF FLIGHT NUMBER CHANGE AT COPENHAGEN OF SEATTLE/PORTLAND-BERLIN FLIGHT.

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B. INFORMATION ON STATUS BRITISH POSITION THIS FLIGHT.

C. DEPARTMENT VIEWS ON BEST MANNER OF HANDLING FLIGHT FILING WITH DANISH AUTHORITIES.
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